

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
November 2, 2021- 10:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on November 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Linkel, Tom Wilson, Gerald Wendel, Faye Hay, Commissioners' Secretary and Karla Bauman Auditor.

OPEN: The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance was led by Tom Linkel.

COVID Update – Health Department: Deborah Tibbetts, supervising nurse at the health department came to the commissioners' meeting to give a Covid-19 update.

Duck Creek Road Reimbursement Contract – Larry Smith: Duck Creek Road was used as a local unofficial detour for an INDOT project which closed US52. There was damage to the roadway as a result of the use by trucks and other heavy loads which were abnormal to the roads typical use. INDOT has agreed to pay for 400 tons of asphalt to complete the repairs. Franklin County will place the asphalt at a total cost of \$20,000.00. **Motion to approve and for Tom Linkel to sign the Agreement with INDOT by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

Closure of SR 252: State Road 252 will be closed for approximately 4-6 weeks. The unofficial detour will utilize Dorel Road, Oxford Pike, Cooley Road, to SR 101. **Motion to approve and have Tom Linkel sign the letter of understanding with INDOT for the unofficial detour while State Road 252 is closed by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

City of Batesville – Water Main Project: Batesville has requested termination of the agreement with Franklin County contingent upon final payment of \$54,000.00 to Franklin County Highway Department. This payment is for road repair to Stacy Road, Marshall Road and Webber Road, as determined to be necessary by the Franklin County Highway Engineer. Payment to Franklin County shall be issued from the City of Batesville through their contract with Brackney, Inc. Commissioners took no motion on this matter.

Oldenburg: Larry Smith, Franklin County Highway Engineer discussed with Commissioners the Oldenburg Water Street project which includes sidewalks and updating Bridge #163. Oldenburg would the Commissioners blessing to apply for a 50/50 grant on this project. The County would need to set aside approximately \$60,000 per year for the next three years. **Motion to accept the proposal from Oldenburg to apply for the Grant so long as they pay 50% by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Gobles Creek Road – E & H Bridge Structure: Commissioners discussed the E & H bridge structure for Gobles Creek. Commissioners told E & H to go ahead and send the County the bill for the structure.

Bridge #42 – Motion to accept the quote from E & H Bridge for \$145,848.00 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

Maintenance Truck Quote – A quote for a new maintenance truck was received from Don Meyer Ford in the total sum of \$37,485.00. **Motion to accept the quote from Don Meyer Ford for a new maintenance truck by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Ordinance 2021- 17 An Ordinance Redistricting Franklin County Council: Commissioners reviewed Ordinance 2021-17. **Motion to approve Ordinance 2021-17 redistricting Franklin County Council districts by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

Resolution 2021-36 – Payroll Deductions of Certain Benefits: Commissioner Linkel discussed his concerns with eliminating the voluntary benefit deductions. Sheriff Cates also spoke in favor of keeping all of them. Auditor Bauman explained the reason for wanting to eliminate the duplicate payroll deductions presently being made. After meeting with Med-Ben in regards to possible vision and dental coverage for the employees, they highly recommended getting rid of the duplicate coverages being offered by numerous carriers and instead offer them thru one provider. She also discussed the problems with one vendor in particular in the reconciling of their invoice. Her office does not have the time it requires to reconcile the invoices. Most of the issues are with changes made by employees or thru termination. It is the employees' responsibility to contact the benefit provider when their employment ends with the County. She also stated that we are being billed for people who are not even Franklin County Employees. Sheriff Cates would like to also keep Hoosier Start Retirement. Auditor Bauman has no information on Hoosier Start and no employees have been signed up for that in the past five year. **Motion to rescind Resolution 2021-36 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Perdue University Contract: **Motion to approve the Contract between Perdue University and Franklin County in the sum of \$46,170.00 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

Public Transportation – Missy Ratz Quarterly Draw Down – Quarter 1: Missy Ratz with Public Transportation brought the draw down documentations for Quarter 1 in the amount of \$102,645.00 for Commissioners' signature. **Motion to sign the Franklin County Transportation Quarter 1 draw in the amount of \$102,645.00 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Franklin County Website – Tom Wilson: Commissioner Wilson presented a statement of work agreement between the County and Dan Ball for the creation of a new County Website. **Motion to approve the Statement of Work Agreement between the County and Dan Ball in the amount of \$34,500 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Special Meeting Minutes – October 1, 2021: **Motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting on October 1, 2021 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Claims: **Motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$336,776.65 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

Payroll and Payroll Deductions: **Motion to approve the payroll and payroll deductions in the sum of \$193,681.01 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report for October, 2021: **Motion to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's report for October, 2021 by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Area Plan Commission Board Appointment: Motion to appoint Patrick Bedel to the Area Plan Commission Board by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

Parcel Split Contract – Dan Chaddon: Motion to approve the contract for parcel splits in the GIS System by Dan Chaddon at \$350.00 per month by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.


Bob Braun: Bob Braun asked if the Commissioners had heard anything or done anything with the permit process for getting in the creek and fixing the issue of continuing water damage to his property. Larry Smith, Highway Engineer will file for the permit.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

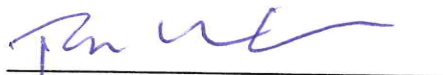
Others Present: Bridget Hayes, Pete Cates, Deborah Tibbetts, Nanette Beres, Hollie Maxie, Brenda Eckerle, Rob Seig, Derek Towle, Bob Braun, Neysa Raible, Grant Reeves, Marty Hon, Larry Smith, Missy Ratz, Mary Burk, JWFCs, Sara Duffy, Rteufel, RRowlett, 765-647-3106 and Crystal McQueen.

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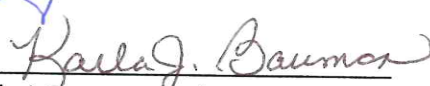
NAYS:


Gerald Wendel

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ATTESTED BY: 
Karla J. Bauman, Auditor